

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are active in this application; Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 12, 13 and 18 amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action the application was indicated as being in condition for allowance except for formal matters under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as not being written in full, clear, concise and exact terms.

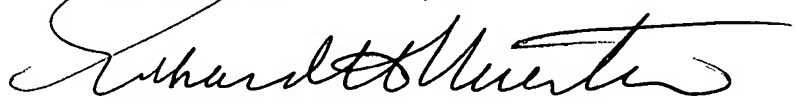
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-20.

In response to the objection under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, the specification and claims have been closely reviewed and any uncovered idiomatic or other informalities have been corrected by the present amendment. Also, a clean and a marked-up copy of the specification, in the form of the attached substitute specifications, are attached. The changes to the claims do not change the scope of the claims. No new matter has been added.

In view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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